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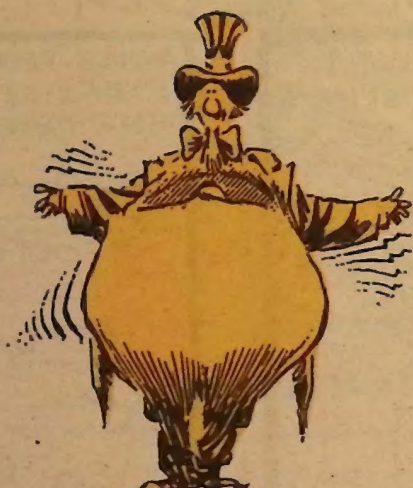
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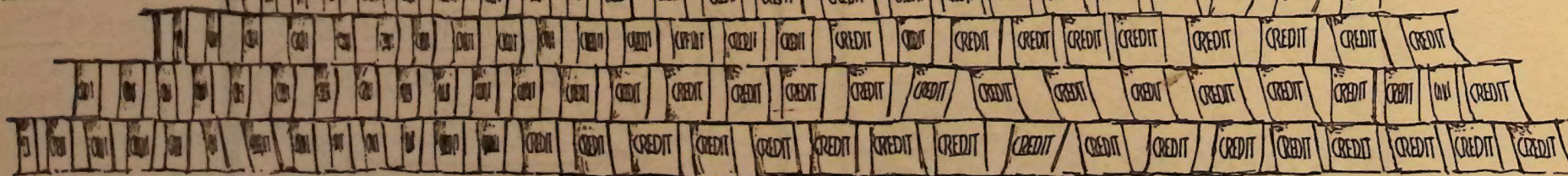
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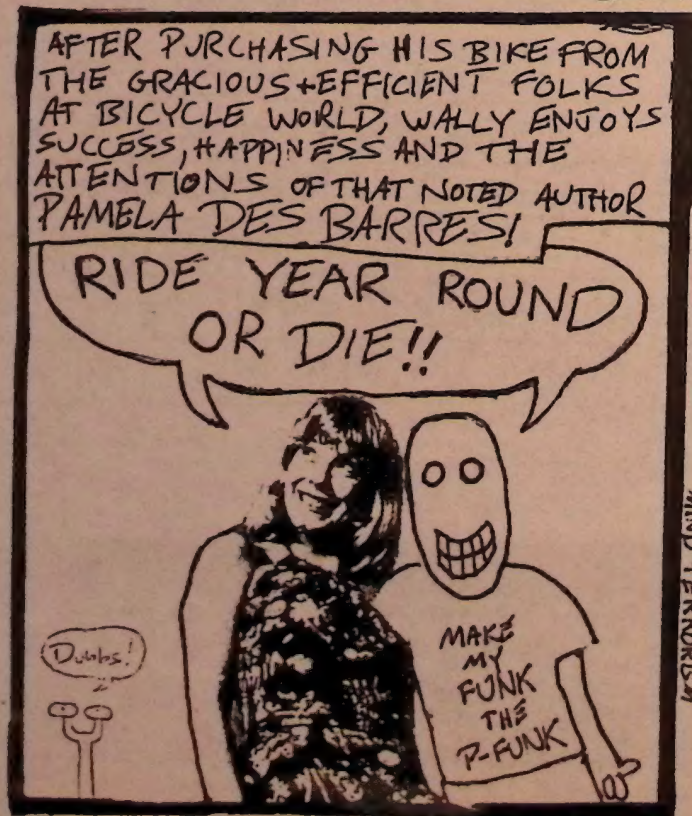
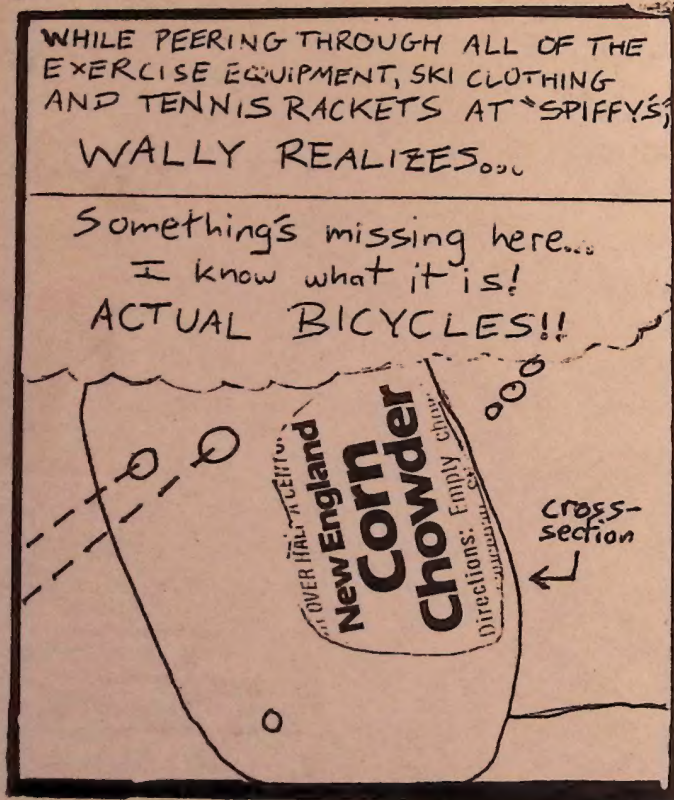
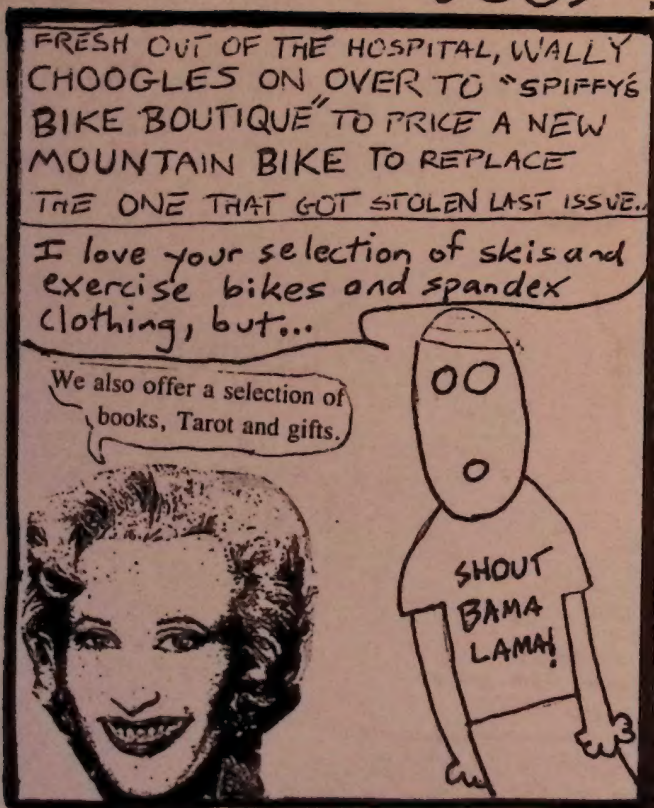
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In regards to having or not having narratives in The Comic News the voting was close, almost dead even. But since it involves a great deal of work, for now they are history. Unless I hear from a large number of you it will stay that way.

Hope everyone had a great Turkey Day!

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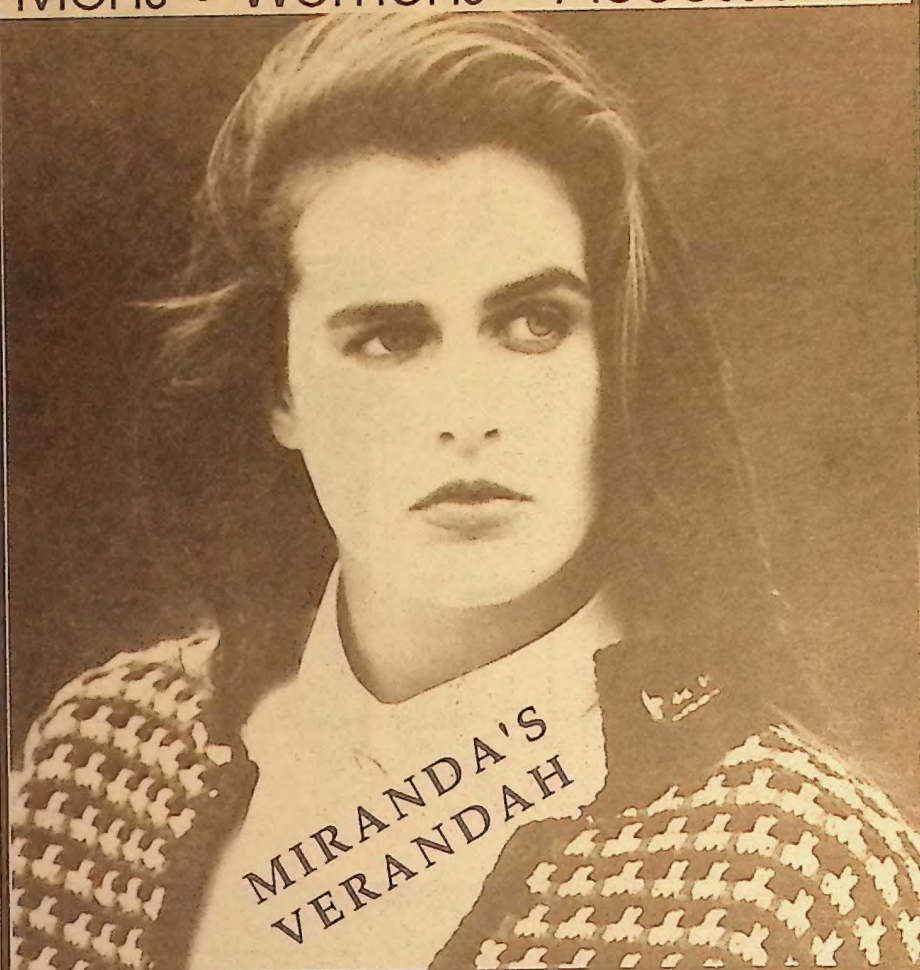
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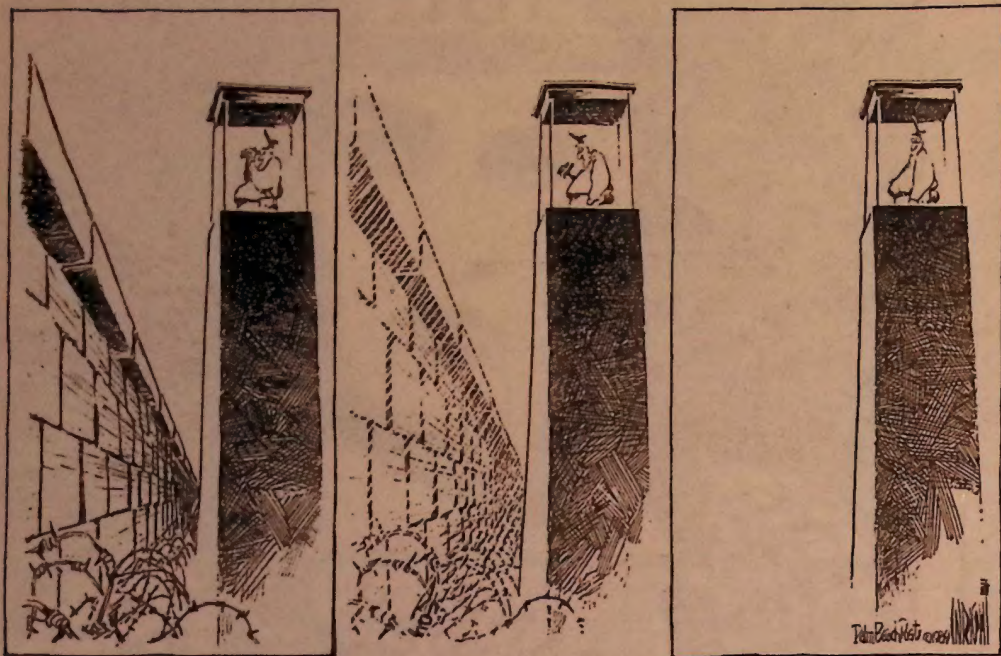
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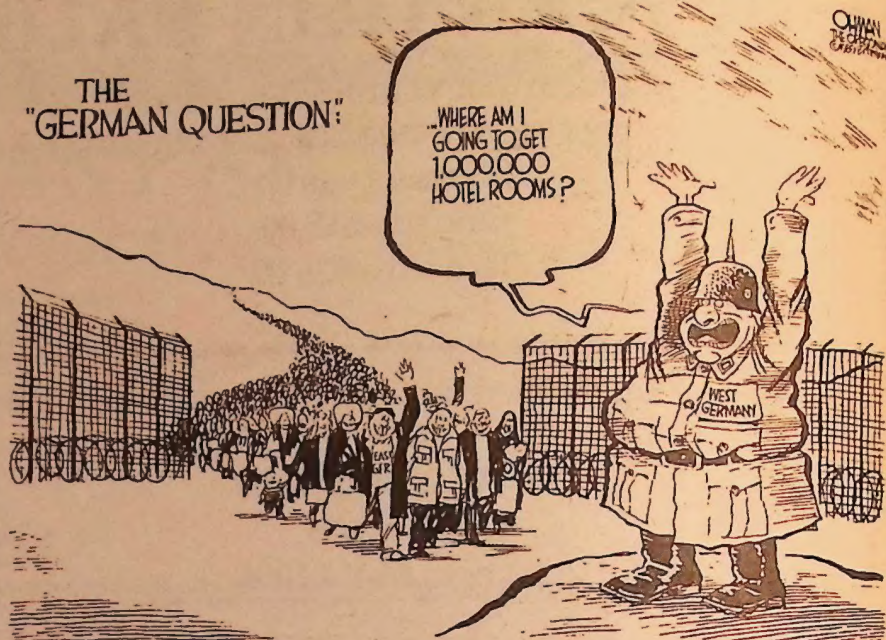
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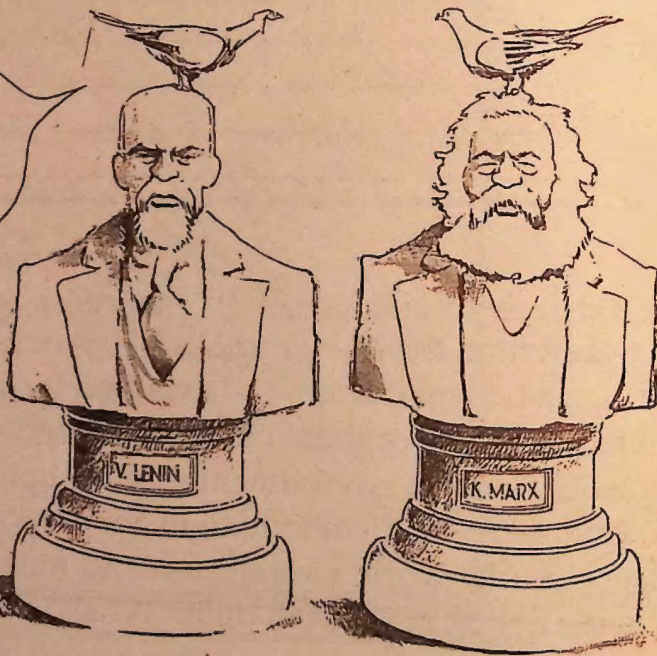
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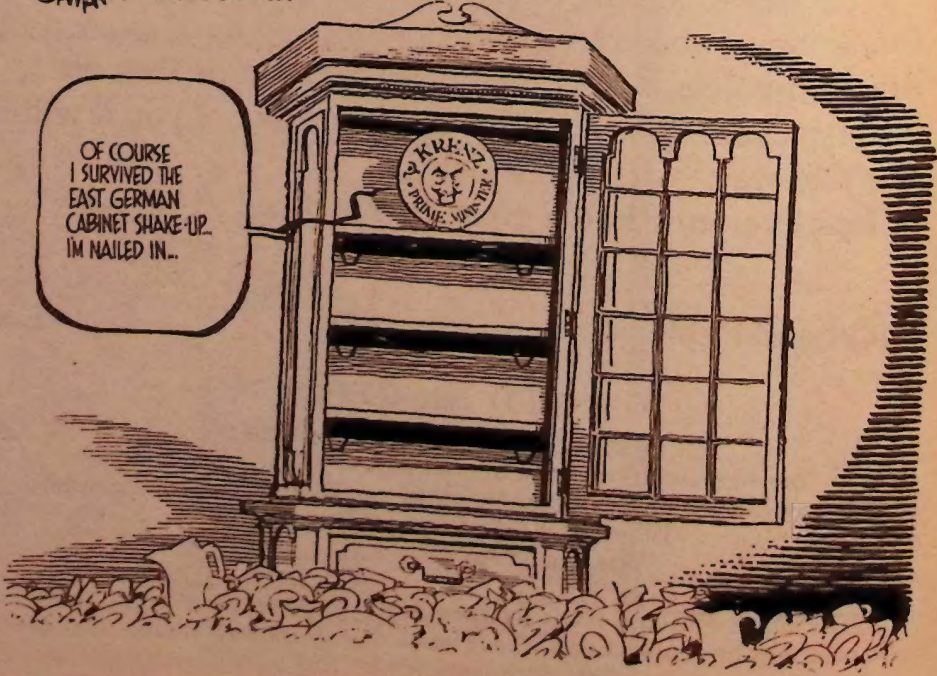
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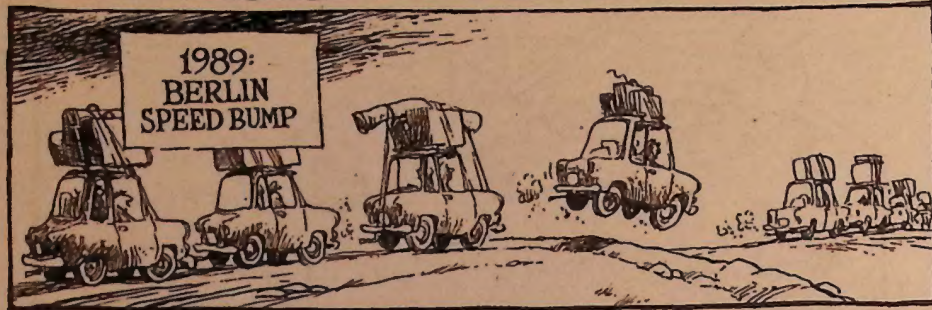
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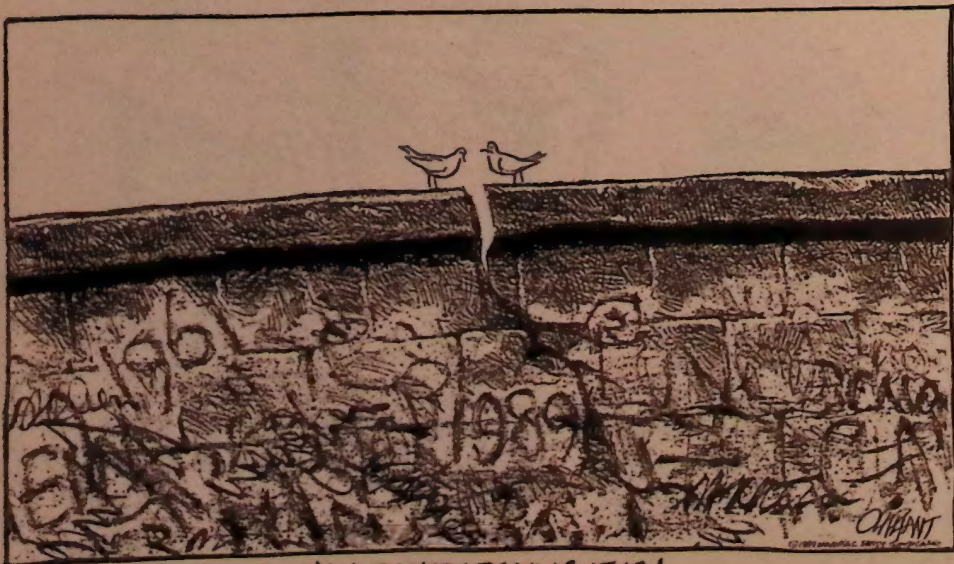
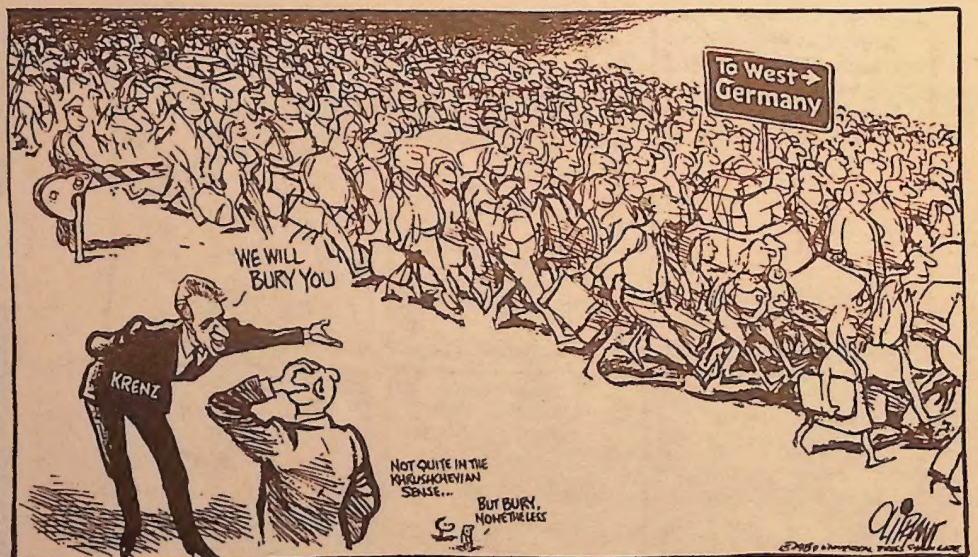
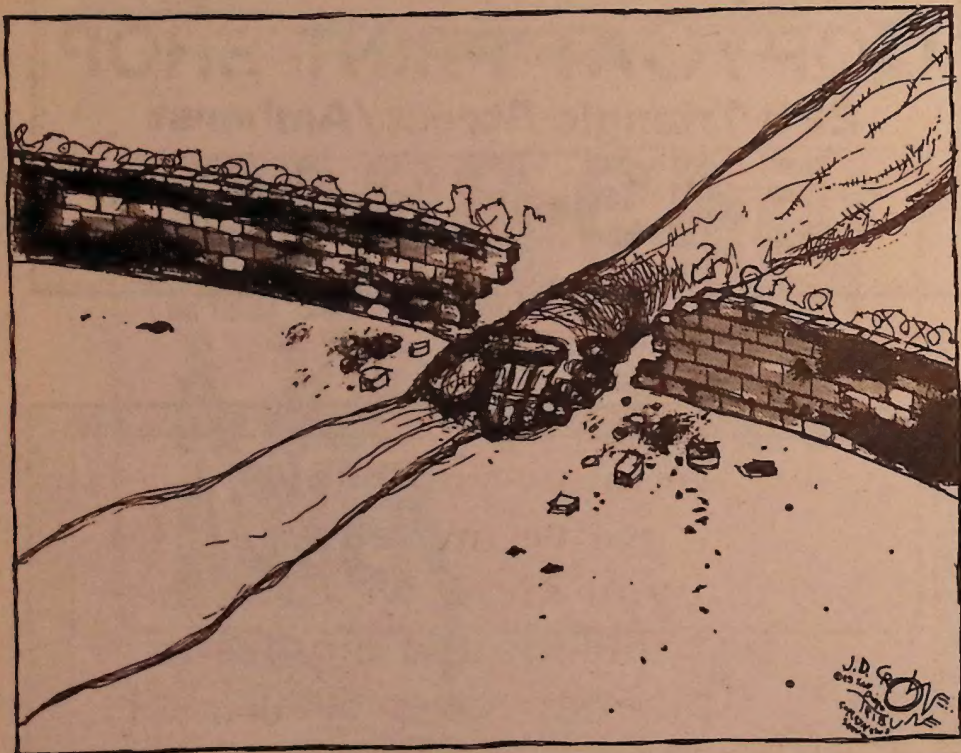
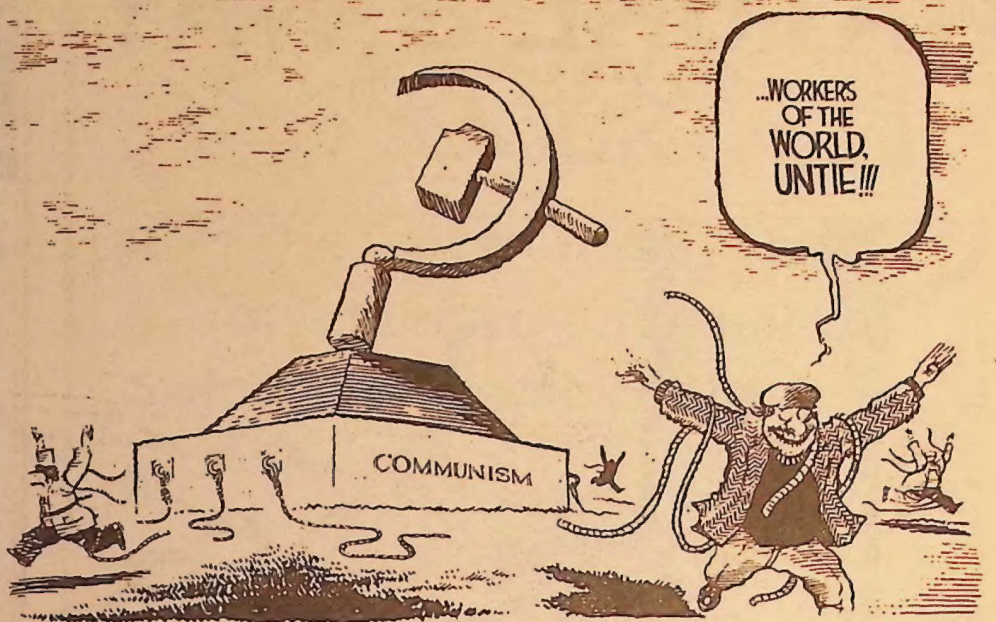
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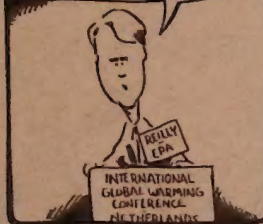
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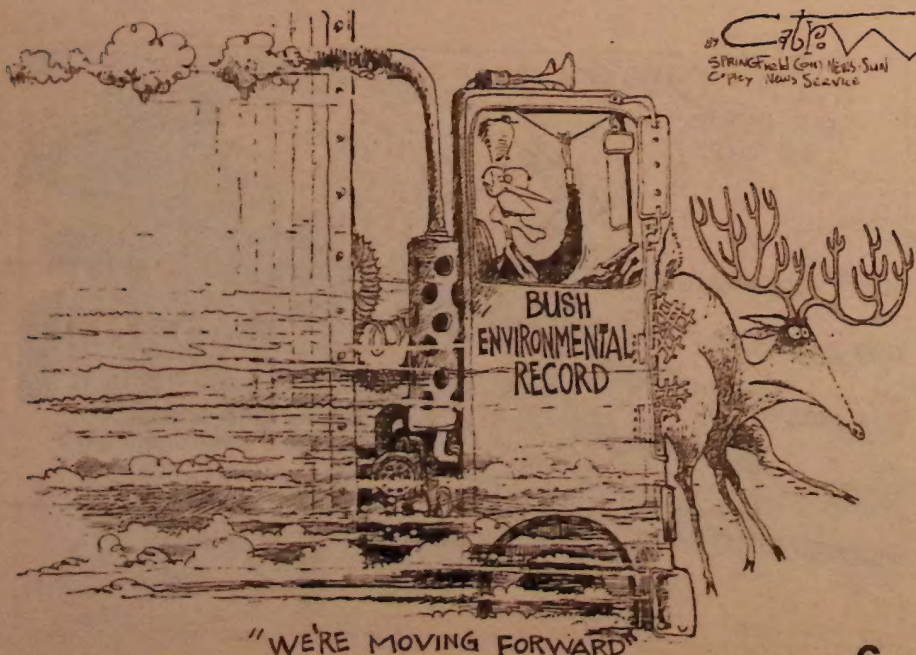
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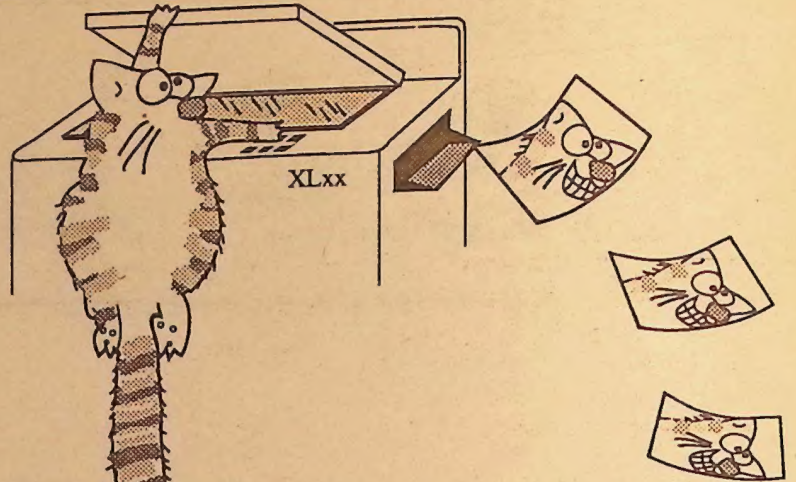
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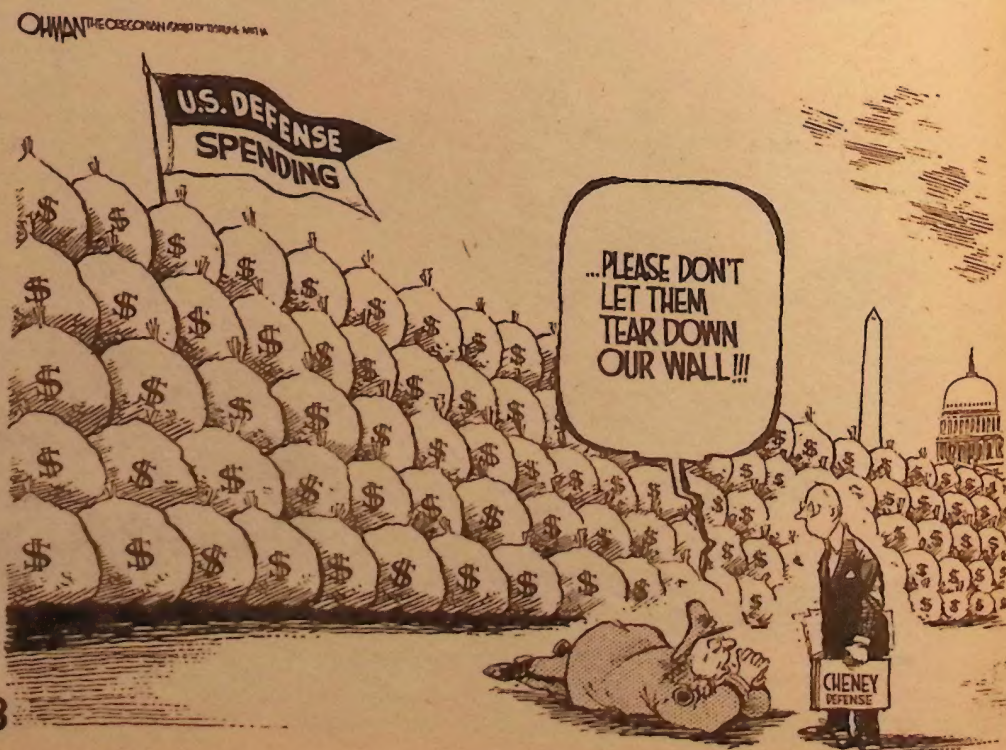
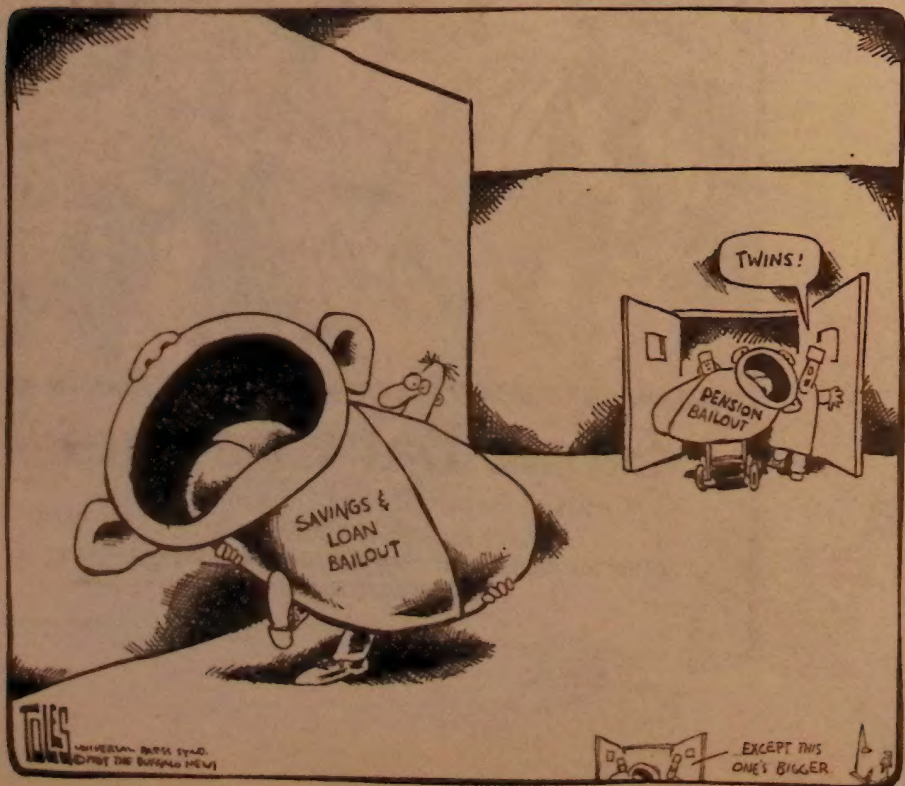
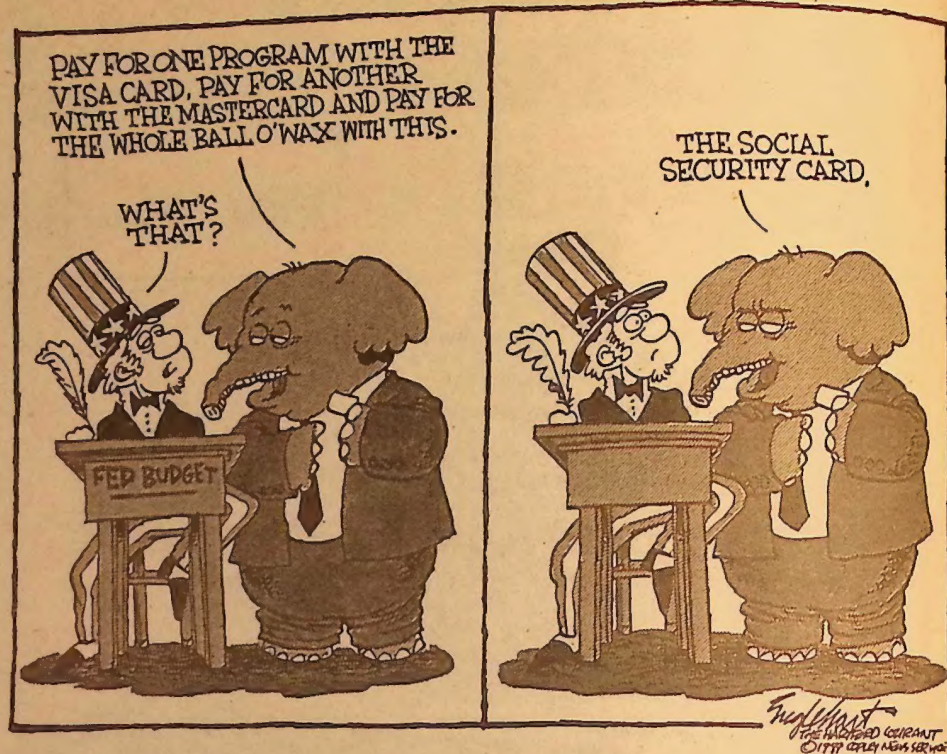
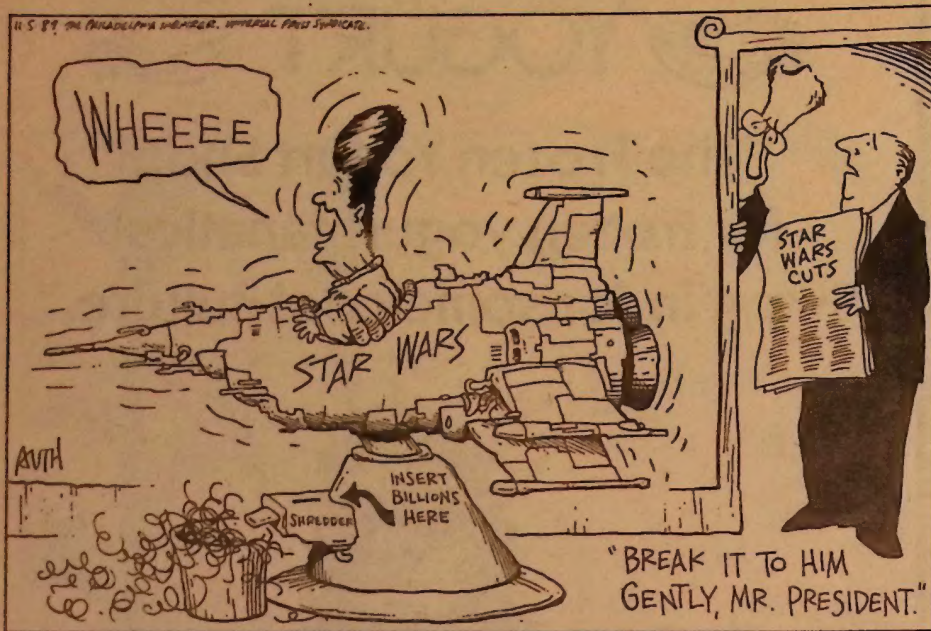
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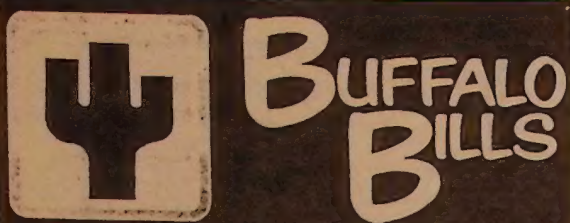
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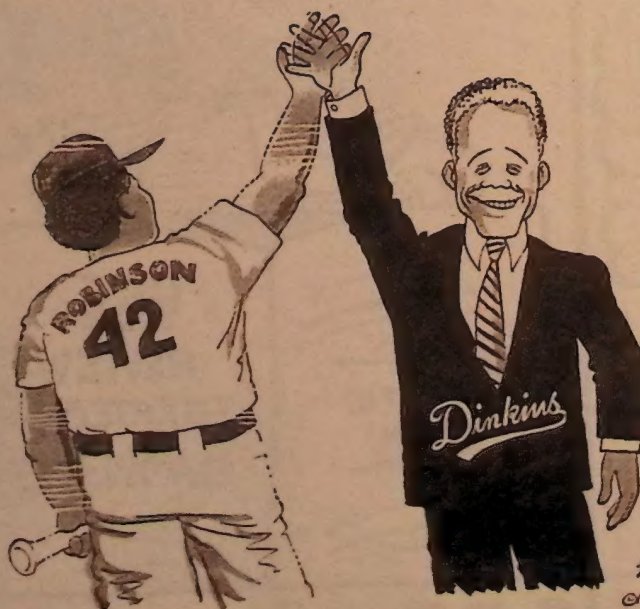
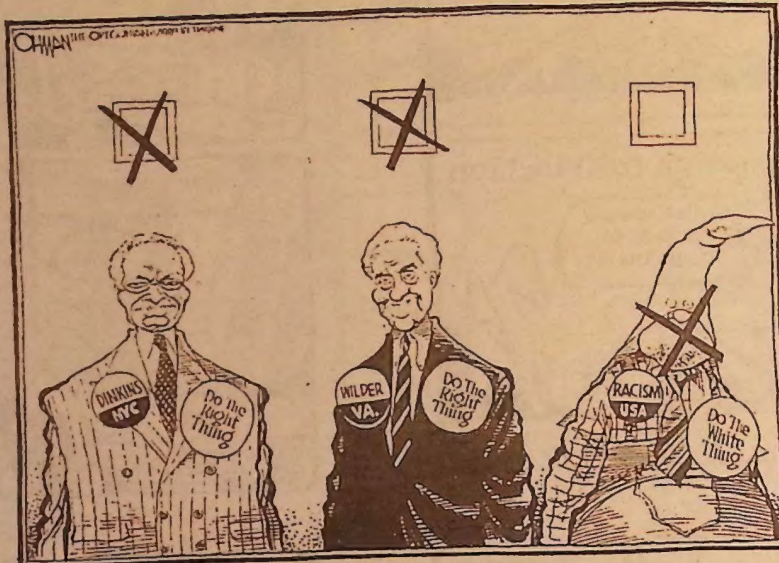
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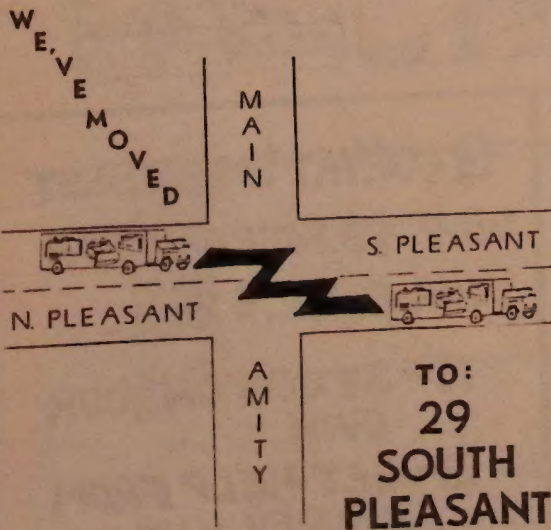
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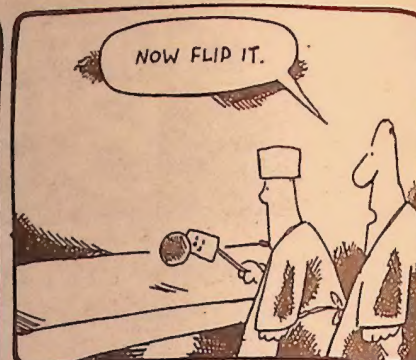
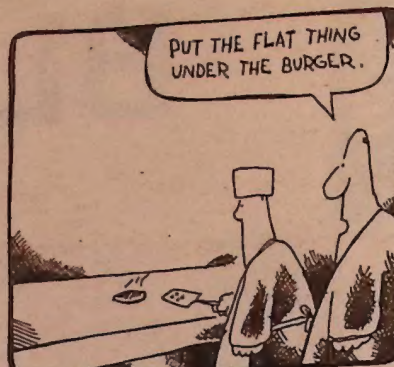
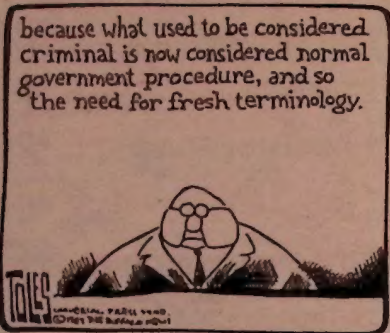
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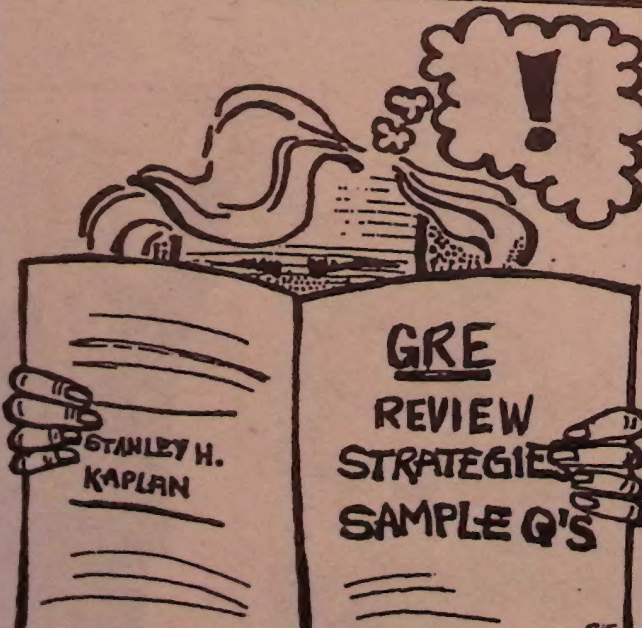
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a word for political corruption by payoff; a word that used to send shivers of fear and disgust, now a quaint relic that is never even heard anymore



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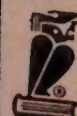


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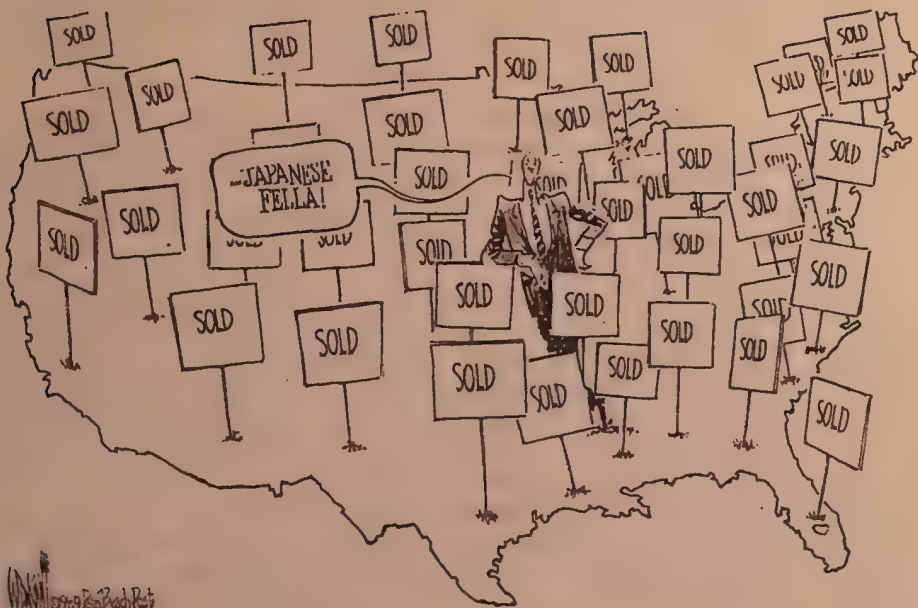
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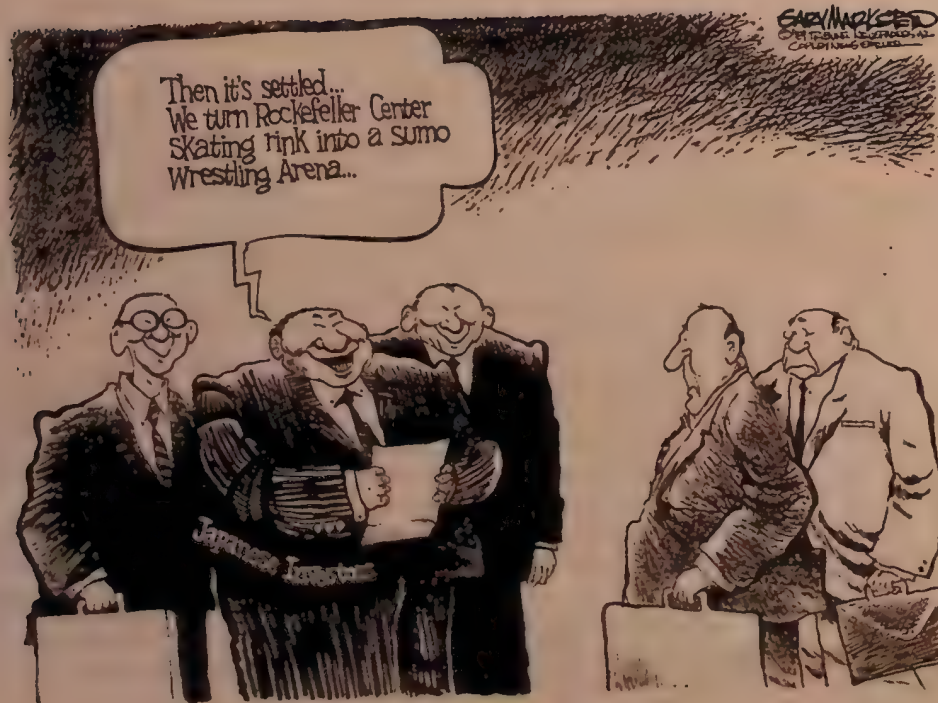
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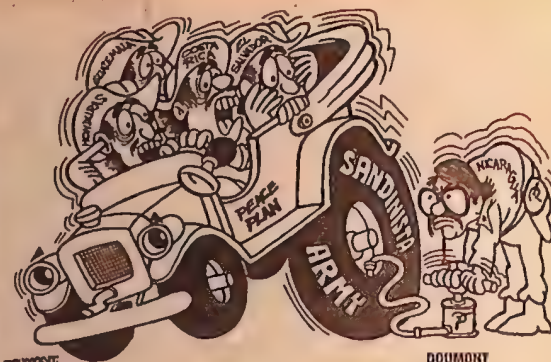
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Report out of Italy tells of a weathered man who sat down on his stoop and wept slow silent tears. After he'd heard how the earthquake shook the valleys near San Francisco. Where great vats cracked and crumbled. And the best wines of recent years poured back into the earth.

"Difference between a girl and a woman," writes a grandmother, "is the girl is delighted with the gift and the woman is delighted with the giver."

Pollsters recently asked 1,000 grownups nationwide the name the most romantic vacation spot, and this bunch also said Hawaii.

Q. Does Sweden have tides?
A. Hardly any. Nor Italy, either.

The first three digits of your Social Security number indicate where you applied for it.

Mention this to your friend Arthur: His has been an exceedingly unlucky name for eldest sons of English kings. Of all the first-in-line princes named Arthur, not a one has ever succeeded his father. Or even outlived his father.

Most weight lifters are afflicted with that common quirk now known as "low self-esteem." So contends a sports doctor.

If you have trouble getting to sleep, soak your feet in hot water for 10 minutes before you go to bed. A medco suggests that. Claims it's almost but not quite as good a sleep inducer as a 10-minute stroll in the fresh air. Both tease blood away from the brain, that's the science of it.

Researchers claim to know that Tennessee has the slowest drivers.

Q. What's a "Ragdoll cat"?
A. New sort of feline. First bred in California. It's placid. Goes limp when you pick it up.

Your eyes have much to do with that thing called love. So believed none other than the French philosopher Rene Descartes. He was particularly attracted to eyes imperfectly aligned. But almost any distinctive characteristic about the eyes tends to heighten romantic appeal, according to our Love and War man's sources. It's said to contribute to the intense interest so many western men show in Far Eastern women.

It has been claimed a man inherits most of his better traits from his mother. A strong woman of good character will turn out an outstanding son regardless of the father's nature. So say believers. Col. E. R. Bradley, a breeder of thoroughbreds, bought the notion. He relied much more on the bloodlines of dams than of the sires. He came up with four Kentucky Derby winners.

NFL football teams in dark uniforms get more penalties than those in light. Not because black or dark blue sways officials. But men on the field buy the image. Even as wrestlers maybe. When they climb into their bad costumes, they play bad. Not badly. Bad. So contends a Cornell scholar who did a computer run on statistics of the last 15 years.

Q. Name the first car steered with a wheel instead of a tiller.
A. The 1901 Packard.

Seventy-four percent of the "if I had it to do over again" men say they'd go for a job that would let them spend more time with their families.

Remove a kidney, and the other gets bigger, much bigger. So say the medicos.

When you blush, the lining of your stomach also blushes. Medical researchers say that, but they don't say exactly how they found out.

Switzerland's law requires dental warnings on packaged snacks. Such as: "This food may be harmful to your teeth."

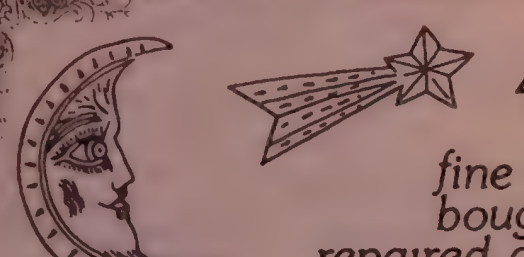
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Q. Is a dying person's Will legal, even though it's only spoken on the deathbed in front of witnesses but not written down?

A. If the probate judge so rules. That's called a "Nuncupative Will."

Statisticians report that major city with the highest hotel occupancy rate decade after decade is San Francisco.

Early American Indians were deft skinkers. Good thing. The record shows they liked what we'd call French-fried skunk. To fix that, you need a good skinner. To get rid of scent glands unruptured.

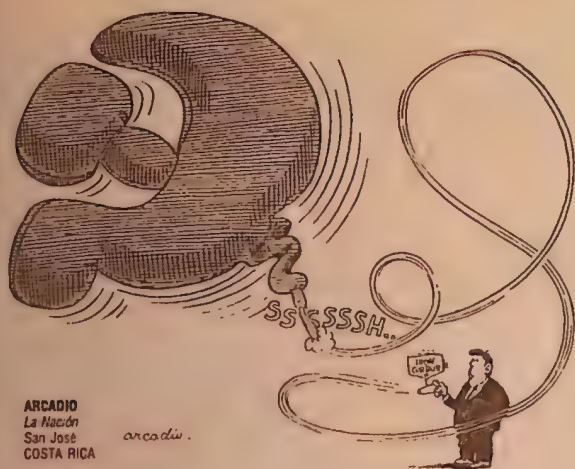


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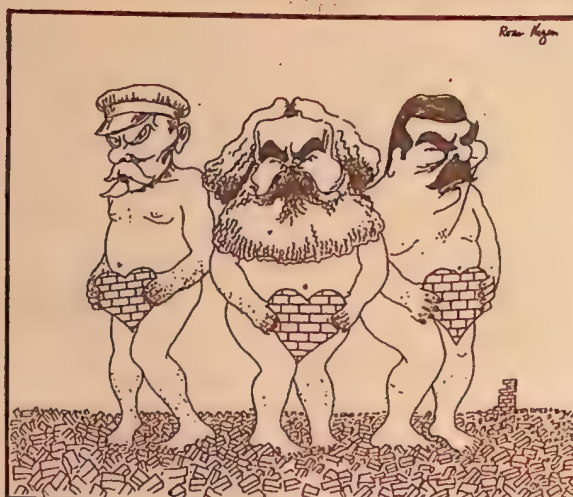
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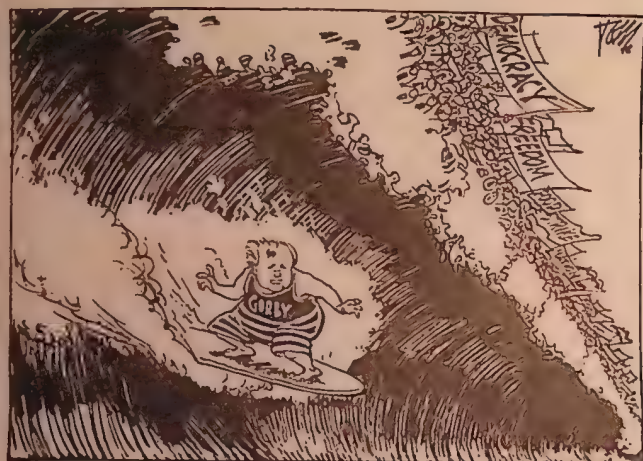
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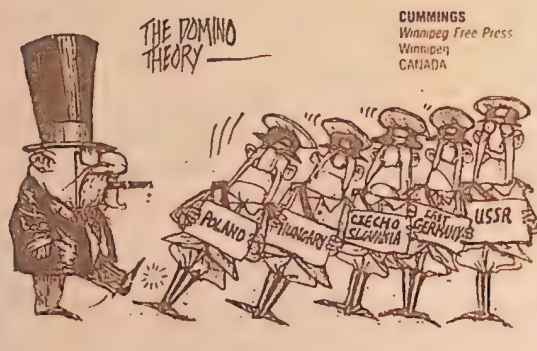
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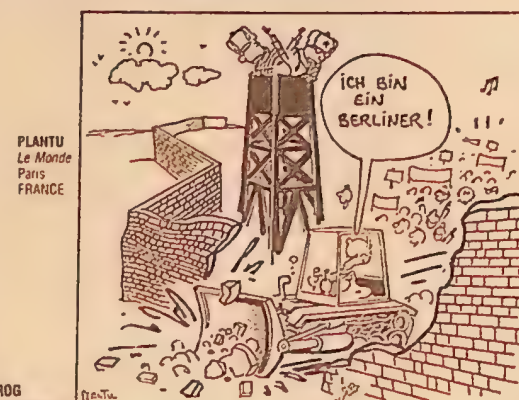


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It was in 1964 that the late Robert F. Kennedy said, "My views on birth control are somewhat distorted by the fact that I was the seventh of nine children."

You're about as much bigger than a chicken as a dragonfly is bigger than a housefly. A dragonfly has been seen to eat 40 houseflies in two hours. Could you eat 40 chickens in two hours?

What scares people most about going to the dentist is not the needle, not the drilling, but the cost. Market researchers say their lengthy studies prove it.

FACTS

If you're trying to quit smoking, think of sheep dip. It contains nicotine. Tell yourself, You don't want to inhale sheep dip, do you? Try it again. You're not sincere.

Regulation gear of a U.S. Cavalry horse during World War I included a gas mask. Not every horse liked wearing a gas mask, might mention.

Nine out of 10 car crackups wouldn't happen if drivers could step on the brakes one second sooner. Mercedes-Benz President Karl Heinz Faber makes that claim.

Item No. 8316C in our Love and War man's file explains how to pay a compliment to a male skeptic. "Each man secretly thinks he has some curious talent on the high side of his nature," writes a woman of experience. "Find it. Notice it. I've told many a man I thought he had a special sensitivity to textures of fine fabrics. Even the most skeptical believed me."

Q. Not counting exotic work like bomb diffusing, statistically what is the most dangerous profession?

A. Firefighting.

Q. Between New York City and Chicago, which has the more neighborhood bars?

A. New York with 3,696. No big difference, though. Chicago has 3,630. At last count. Ask which city has the fewest, Florence, Ala., with 0.

Q. What's Canada's National Anthem?

A. Doesn't have one. Officially.

A pest control experts says: If mice bought groceries, peanut butter would sell better than cheese.

In Medieval France, historians say, men wept, women cursed. That was the common pattern.

Among many savage people it has long been the custom for a man contemplating marriage to have a couple of his teeth knocked out. No, before the wedding. By tribal elders. To prove he can take it.

Q. I saw where wrestling fans were described as "followers of zoolatry." What's that?

A. Animal worship.

What time of day is best for making decisions? If you buy recent conclusions of researchers, 7 to 11 a.m. is good. They say that's when you're least likely to be depressed or anxious. They think you're most apt to be depressed or anxious between 3 and 8 p.m. Depression and anxiety, they're what foul up decisions, those researchers aver.

An old Hawaiian proverb goes: "A dog is a dog except when he's facing you. Then he's 'Mr. Dog'."

Q. Who was the author who so craved time to write he threw a brick through a store window so he'd be thrown in jail? What did he write there?

A. John Galsworthy. Or so goes the story. He supposedly came out with his play "Justice."

If you're putting together a resume for your job search, head it with the work you want. On that first line, put "Accountant, Entry Level." Or "Secretary, Legal." Or "Pastry Chef." Or whatever. Nearly half the resumes sent to employers get less than a minute's attention, according to personnel experts. Your name, address and phone number, they say, should come second. What most interests a hirer is whether you can solve the company's problem. What job can you fill?

Southern California's Automobile Club 60 years ago offered in its written agreements to change a tire for an unaccompanied woman, but not for any able-bodied man.

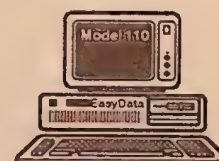
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EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET


Earthquakes

 A strong earthquake just west of Algiers killed at least 26 people, injured 456 others and caused several buildings in the capital's historic Casbah district to crumble on Oct. 30. The 6.0 magnitude quake also destroyed 1,200 homes as well as hundreds of other buildings. Several sharp aftershocks in the following days inflicted additional damage and injuries.


A massive quake, centered 50 miles offshore and 19 miles beneath the seabed, gave northern Japan its strongest jolt in 50 years. There were no reports of injuries or damage, but train service was disrupted briefly and authorities evacuated six coastal villages for three and a half hours out of fear that a tidal wave might have been generated by the quake.

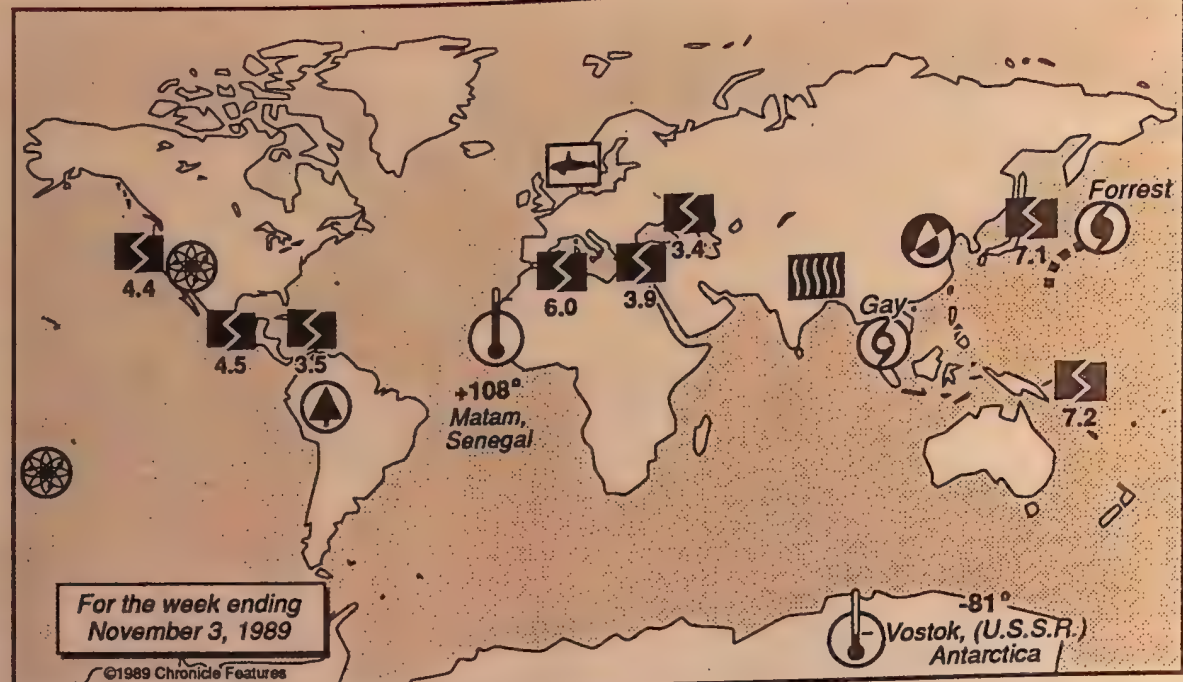
The world's strongest quake in five months ruptured the seabed near the Solomon Islands. Other strong earth movements were felt in the Caribbean from Cuba to Puerto Rico, and in the San Francisco Bay Area, Soviet Armenia, southern Turkey and the Mexican resort of Acapulco.

Himalayan Spring

 Scientists from the United States National Science Foundation announced that the chilly climate of Tibet has been warmer over the past 50 years than at any other time in thousands of years. Their report, published in the journal *Nature*, is based on the different types of oxygen that collect in ice at various temperatures.

Testing


 The second unannounced nuclear explosion within a week at France's Mururoa Atoll test site was detected by New Zealand seismologists on Nov. 1. The blast, with an estimated yield of 20 kilotons, was bitterly condemned by New Zealand's minister for disarmament and arms control, Fran Wild. "France is obviously determined to continue testing in the face of strong




opposition from all the countries in the region," Wild said.

The U.S. detonated a thermonuclear weapon 1,850 feet beneath the Nevada desert on Oct. 31. The blast, code named "Hornitos," had been delayed for three days because of bad weather, and produced a yield of 20-150 kilotons, according to the Department of Energy.

Tropical Storms


 Two cargo ships appeared to have been sunk in the Gulf of Thailand as cyclone Gay moved across the Mergui Archipelago. Typhoon Forrest passed harmlessly over the open Pacific waters southeast of Japan.

Beijing Drought


 The worst drought to strike the Chinese capital in 70 years has caused the groundwater level to drop 10 feet lower than at the same time last year, according to the official Xinhua

News Agency. Water rationing is in effect, and polluted water supplies are worsening the shortage.

A Civilized Hello

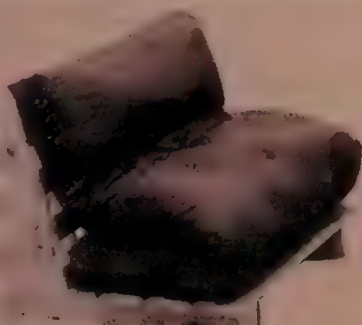
 Gift-bearing workers for the National Indian Foundation will soon set up a base in Brazil's Amazon rain forest to establish contact with a newly discovered tribe of natives. The foundation, known by its Portuguese acronym FUNAI, said it would try to make contact with about 80 members of the tribe in the Guapore Biological Reserve near the Bolivian border. Amaury Viera, a FUNAI administrator, announced that its members will try to calm the tribe which appears to be threatened by the presence of gold panners and members of a clandestine timber operation who have transmitted diseases to the Indians. FUNAI will send eight people into the forest where they will show their friendship to the natives by distributing the gifts.

Lovesick

 A killer whale seems to have flipped head over tail-fins for a lumbering Norwegian ferryboat, enchanting passengers in what some call a case of whale courtship. For several days, the 13-foot-long whale has hugged the side of the Voska, a car and passenger ferry, on its route to and from island villages that dot the west coast of Norway. In port, the orca gently bumps and rolls against the Voska's cold steel hull. Marine mammal experts believe that the killer whale, actually a large dolphin, probably became lost from a pod which was seen in the area last month and finds comfort from the vibrations of the ship's hull. Some passengers have commented that the whale's infatuation with the ferry may be because both are black and white.

Additional Sources: Japan Meteorological Agency, U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

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Solar Connections

Recent solar storms have bombarded Earth with energetic particles at an intensity never before observed by monitoring satellites. The sun is approaching the peak of a 12-year sunspot cycle, and even stronger geomagnetic storms may occur through next spring. Besides blacking out some earthbound radio communication and producing the auroras borealis and australis, solar storms can damage electrical circuits on space satellites, and affect their orbits. In March, some low-altitude spacecraft went tumbling in orbit. A storm in August knocked out a communications channel on the United States GOES 6 weather satellite. The European Space Agency was forced to temporarily halt some transmissions from its main geostationary weather satellite on Nov. 8 while special radioactive decontamination procedures were conducted.

Tass news agency reported that Soviet scientists meeting in Azerbaijan announced that solar activity is to blame for some bad weather, earthquakes, volcano eruptions and even poor health. Quoting the newspaper *Trud*, Tass said the scientists believe that thousand-fold increases in the tension of Earth's magnetic field during solar storms causes powerful circular currents in the molten interior of the planet. In turn, the currents are said to cause tectonic activity accompanied by eruptions and quakes. No explanation was given on how the solar storms can affect weather or health.

Cyclonic Odyssey

Typhoon Gay left more than 100 people dead in a 1,800-mile path of destruction as it became the first cyclonic storm since 1891 to reach India after forming in the Gulf of Thailand. At least 500 sailors and 100 ships were lost at sea before the storm passed over southern Thailand where entire villages were destroyed. The typhoon



regained strength in the Bay of Bengal and struck India's Andhra Pradesh coast with tides of up to 15 feet and 130 mph winds. Accurate storm forecasts allowed the evacuation of 50,000 coastal residents, but the winds and tides snapped power lines and wrecked more than 6,000 houses. Typhoon Gay may strengthen once again over the Arabian Sea, then threaten Pakistan or Oman.

Earthquakes

Further aftershocks of the Oct. 29 Algerian quake injured six people and rocked the famed Casbah section of the capital. Residents of the San Francisco Bay Area felt continuing aftershocks of the destructive Oct. 17 earthquake. A sharp temblor caused high-rise buildings in Santiago, Chile, to sway at dawn on Thursday. Earth movements were also felt in north-eastern Japan, southeastern Iran and Wellington, New Zealand.

Towering Tumbleweeds

High winds blowing across the Great Plains bombarded Mobridge, South Dakota, with a hail of tumbleweeds so thick that some houses were left buried to their rooftops. Roads and driveways were blocked, and city crews worked alongside residents to clear the weeds. Residents were warned not to drive through the tumbleweeds, and to clear them quickly from chimneys to prevent the start of what could be a disastrous wildfire.

Tree Surveys

The first official inventory of Europe's forests was released by the European Community. It indicated that widespread damage has been caused by atmospheric pollution not only in industrial areas, but along the Mediterranean as well. The report warned that if pollution continues even at the current level, "it will threaten the survival of many forests."

Brazil's top environmental official announced that a 30 percent decline in the destruction of the Amazon rain forest occurred during the past year, thanks to government efforts.

Hedgehog Hunt

British revelers were warned to check for hibernating hedgehogs before lighting bonfires in celebration of Guy Fawkes Day, which marks a 1605 plot to overthrow the British monarchy. Each Nov. 5, effigies of Fawkes are thrown onto bonfires that dot the landscape and shroud London in a smoky haze. This year, animal-protection groups asked that all piles of tinder be checked for slumbering animals before they are set alight. Leslie Sharp, a spokeswoman for the Hedgehog Preservation Society, warned that "people spend weeks accumulating leaves and twigs for their bonfires, which make ideal places for these animals to hibernate."



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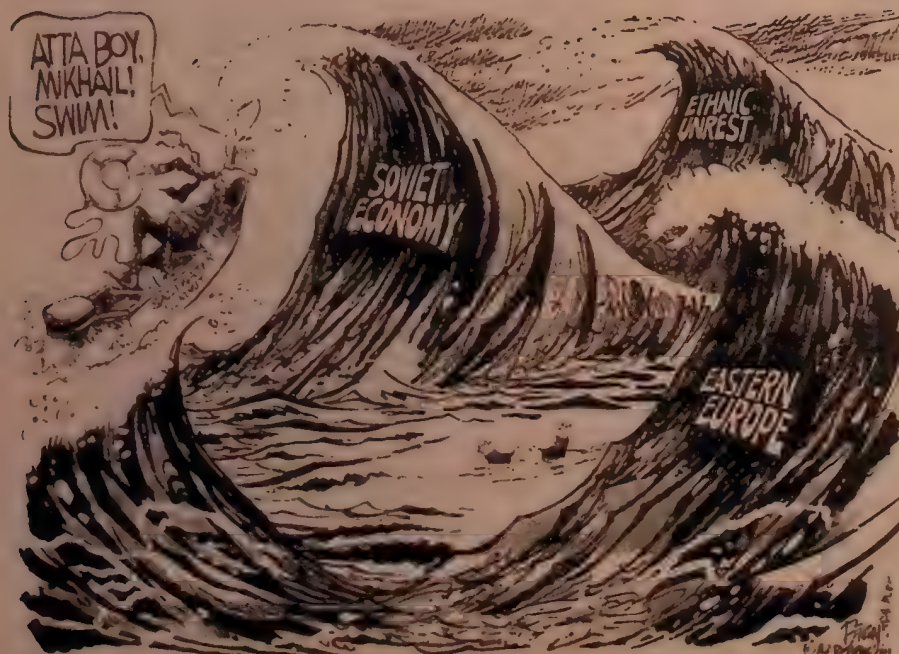
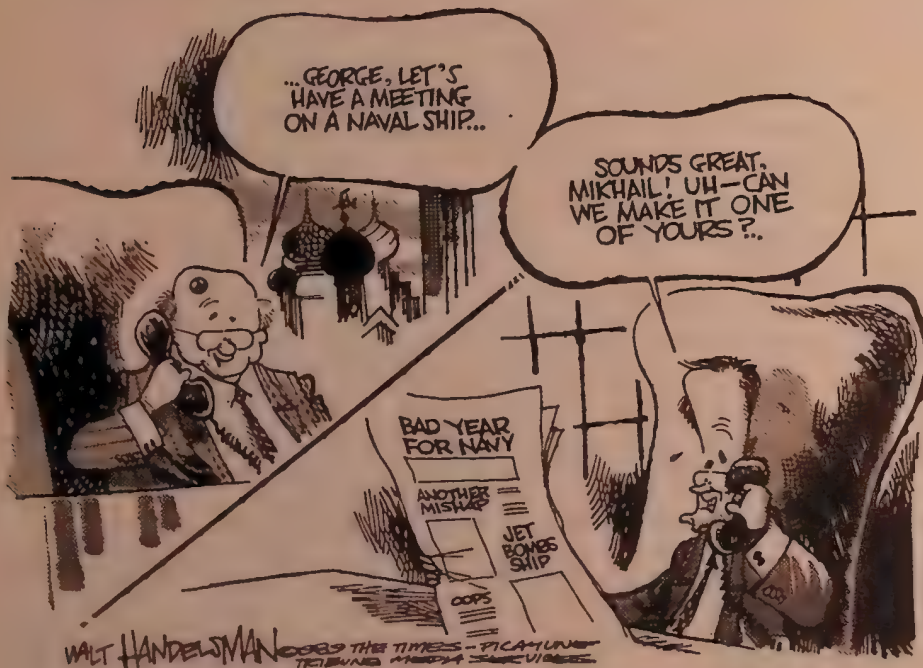
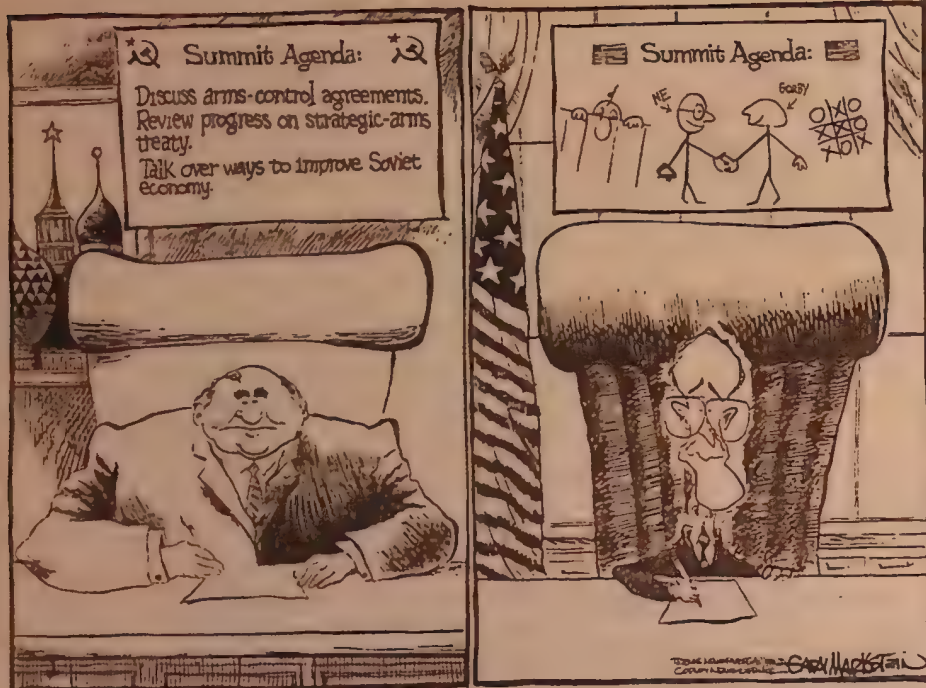
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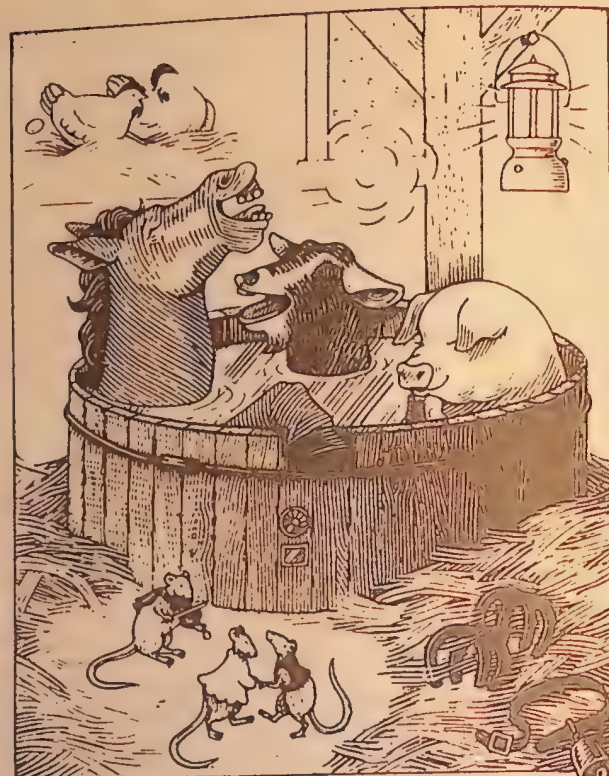
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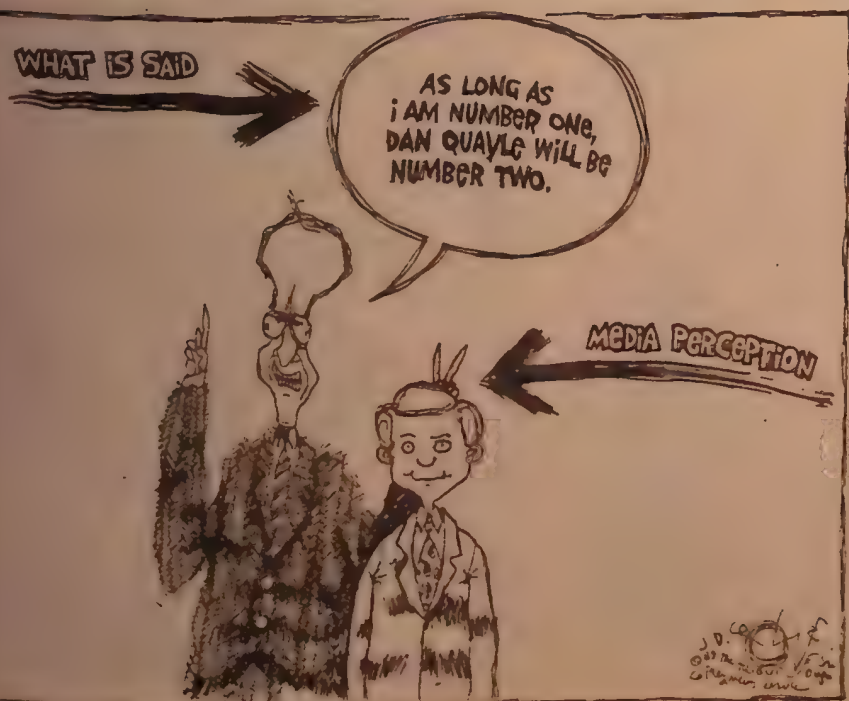
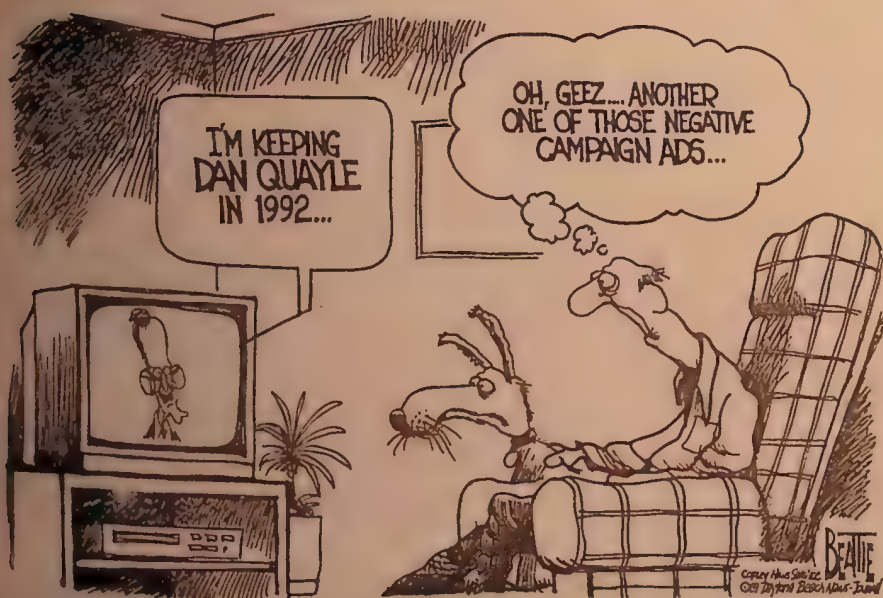
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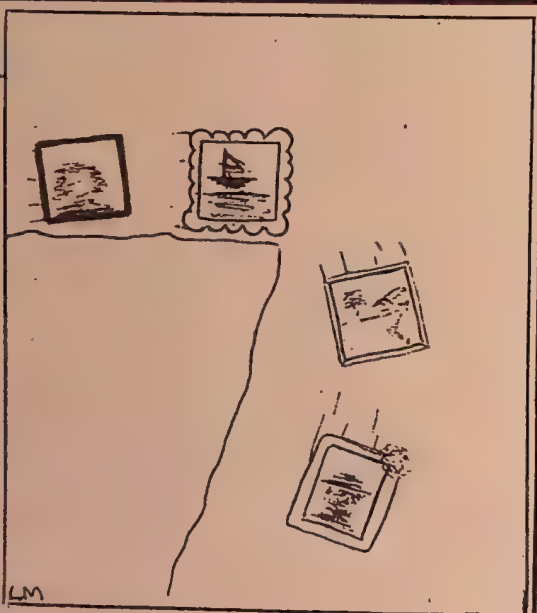
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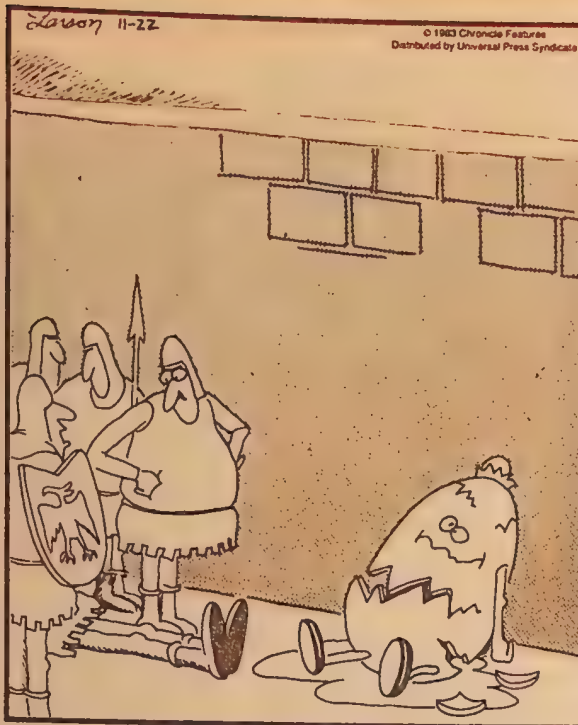
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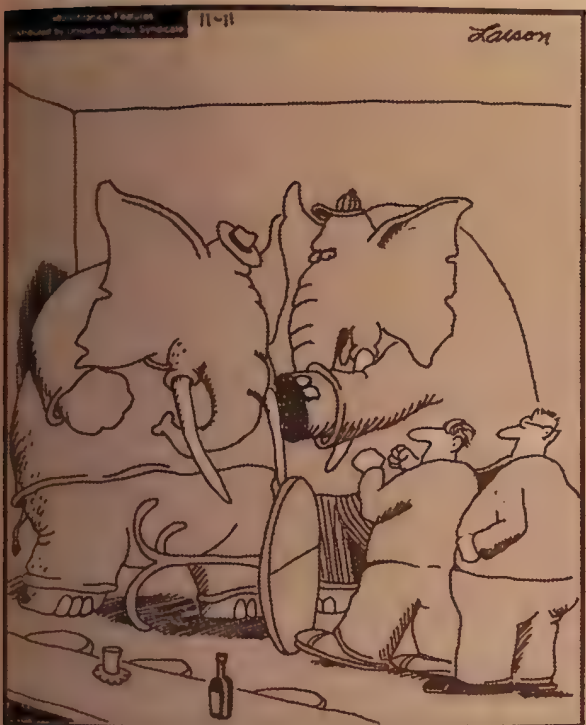
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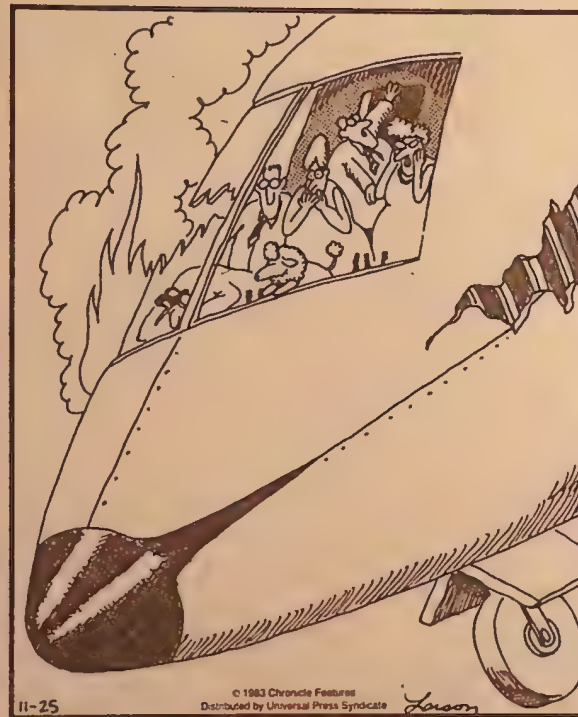
"I've got it again, Larry . . . an eerie feeling like there's something on top of the bed."



"It's Henderson again, sir . . . He always faints at the sight of yolk."



"Relax, Jerry! . . . He probably didn't know you were an elephant when he told that last joke!"



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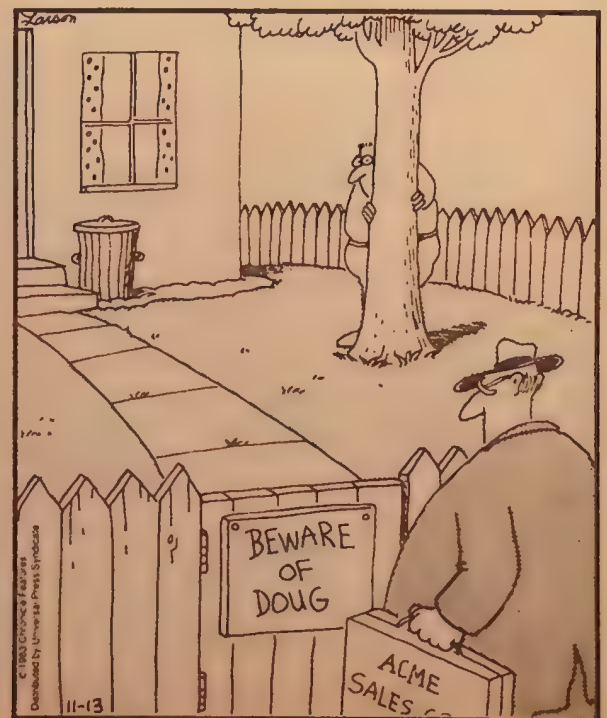
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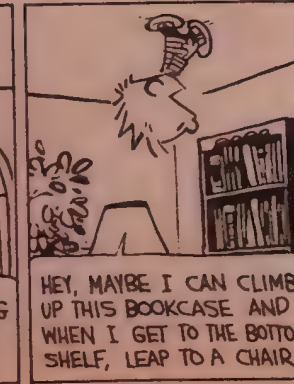
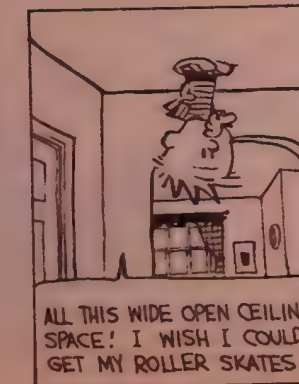
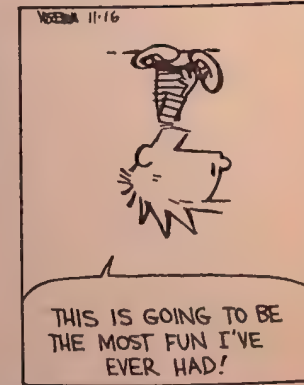
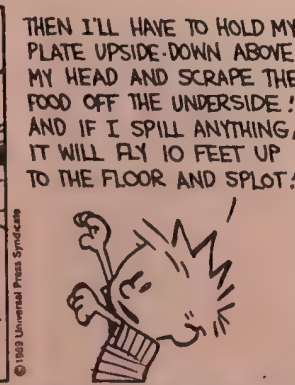
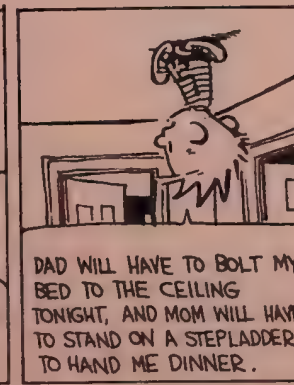
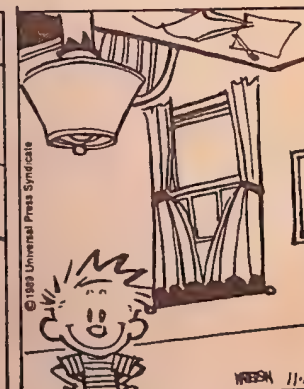
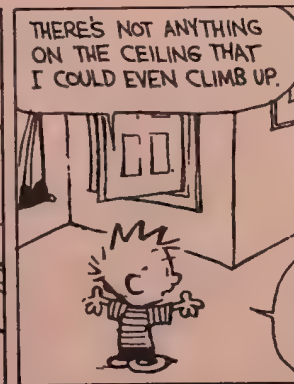
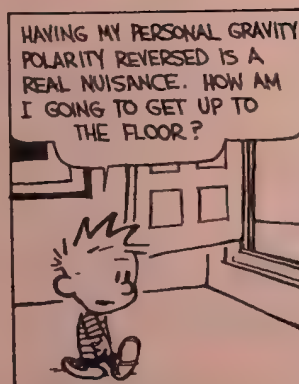
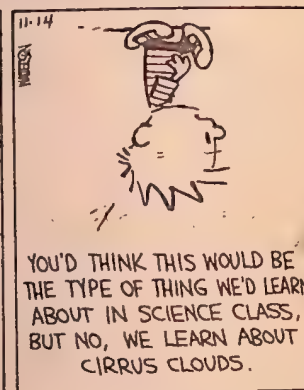
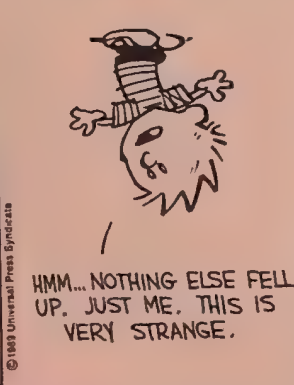
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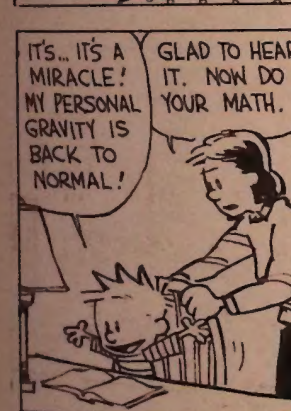
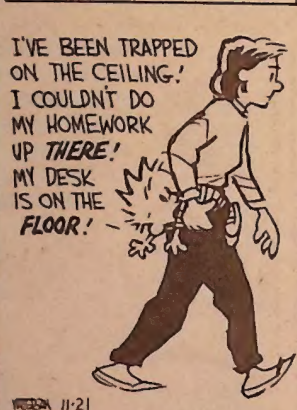
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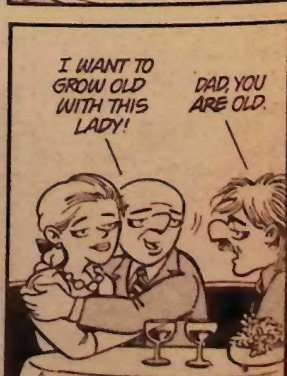
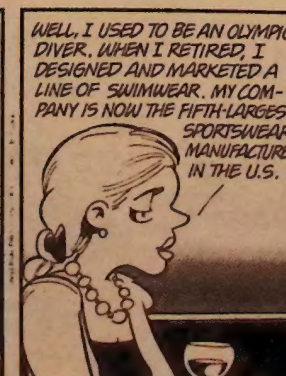
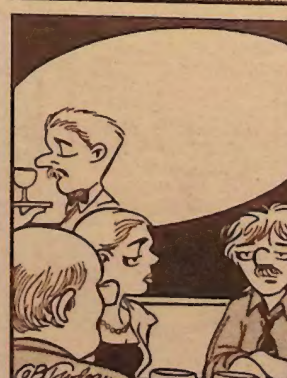
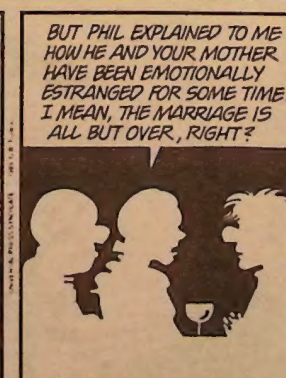
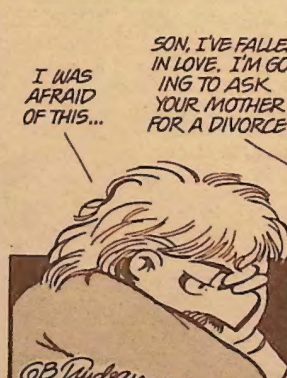
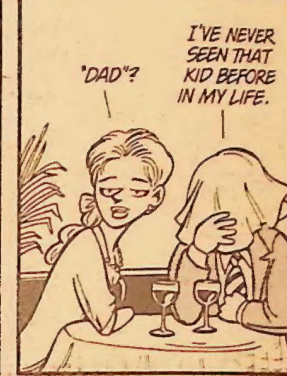
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...AND YOU WANT TO MARRY A CHARMING, ACCOMPLISHED, DROP-DEAD BEAUTY HALF YOUR AGE? GIVE ME A BREAK!

PHIL, YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOUR SON WAS SO SWEET!

HE'S NOT! HE'S NOT!

THAT YOU, ELMONT?

YES! IS THAT YOU, JOHNNY? KEITH? FAT JAKE? BIGGER? FEDERAL EXPRESS? THE HEAT?

NO, NO, IT'S ME, MARK.

FINE WITH ME! I'M READING ABOUT THE BERLIN WALL! DID YOU KNOW THEY WERE GONNA TEAR IT DOWN?

I MIGHT'VE HEARD SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, YES.

WELL, IT'S A HELLUVA LOVE-LY GESTURE, ISN'T IT? DIS-MANTLING THE MOST LOATH-SOME SYMBOL OF THEIR SYSTEM? WE OUGHTA RE-Spond IN KIND!

IN KIND?

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THE DIS-MANTLING OF THE BERLIN WALL IS NOT THAT BIG A DEAL?

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OKAY, LET'S REGROUP.

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IT'S ALSO PART OF A LOST BOYHOOD, ISN'T IT, SIR?

YEAH, THAT AND THE SHIRELLES.

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UM... OTHER THAN URGING EXTREME CAUTION? UM...UM...

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YOU KINDA STOLE MY THUNDER THERE, MARK.

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